

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:153
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2002
OIC DRAFT ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) has put forward a proposal at the Comprehensive Convention against International Terrorism as reported in the Statesman dated February 7, 2002;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether several developed countries have opposed the OIC terminology; and
- (d) if so, the stand of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) - (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 153 T ANSWERED ON 13.3.02 REGARDING OIC DRAFT ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

The draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism, put forward by India at the UN, has been under discussion since October 2000. A number of suggestions and proposals have been made during the negotiations including by the O.I.C., the E.U. and some individual countries. Four rounds of negotiations have been held so far and agreement reached on many clauses. Negotiations will continue in October 2002, during the UN General Assembly. India's efforts are to reach early consensus on the Convention through further discussions.